

**REMARKS**

Upon entry of this Preliminary Amendment, Claims 1-45 are cancelled and newly added Claims 46-74 are pending. Support for Claim 46 is found throughout the Specification, in particular, on page 20 line 19 to page 22, line 4. Support for Claim 47 is found in the Specification on page 43, lines 9-19. Support for Claim 48 is found in the Specification on page 44, line 11. Support for Claim 49 is found in the Specification, page 46, line 3. Support for Claim 50 is found in the Specification on page 45, line 19 to page 46, line 2. Support for Claim 51 is found in the Specification on page 46, lines 16-19. Support for Claim 52 is found throughout the Specification, in particular, on page 51, line 5 to page 53, line 13 and also page 63, line 19 to page 65, line 3. Support for Claim 53, is found in the Specification on page 51, lines 4-20. Support for Claim 54 is found in the Specification on page 53, line 17 to page 54, line 3. Support for Claim 55 is found in the Specification page 54, line 10 to page 55, line 2, figures 8 and 9 and Examples 7-9. Support for Claims 56 and 57 is found in the Specification on page 54, lines 15-20. Support for Claims 58 and 59 is found in the Specification on page 63, lines 3-18. Support for Claim 60 and 61 is found in the Specification on page 63, lines 5-17.

Formal figures have been submitted. The figures have been amended to comply with rules 37 C.F.R. § 1.84(l) and (P)(1). The specification has been amended to include reference characters. No new matter is added.

**Information Disclosure Statement**

An Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is being filed concurrently herewith. Entry of the IDS is respectfully requested.

**Formal Drawings**

Formal Drawings are being filed concurrently herewith.

**CONCLUSION**

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that all claims are in condition for allowance, and it is respectfully requested that the application be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

HAMILTON, BROOK, SMITH & REYNOLDS, P.C.

By Pamela A. Torpey

Pamela A. Torpey

Registration No. 45,736

Telephone: (978) 341-0036

Facsimile: (978) 341-0136

Concord, MA 01742-9133

Dated:

*September 30, 2004*